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AUDRAIN COUNTY TAX INCREASE

The Property Value Higher From
Year to Year.

The county and State tax rate for Audrain has increased from \$1.01 in 1903 to \$1.40 in 1913. Of course it may be claimed that our benefits have increased also.

The total taxable wealth of Audrain county in 1914 as shown by an abstract from the Assessor's books, is \$10,087,480, against \$9,867,485 in 1913. The total valuation of real estate is placed at \$7,230,520, against \$7,124,120 in 1913. The total valuation of personal property is shown at \$2,856,960, against \$2,743,365 in 1913.

The total number of acres is 431,326, valued at \$5,230,350; total number of town lots, 5,880, valuation, \$2,000,170.

Personal property is shown as follows:

Horses, 9,848; value, \$435,205.
Mules, 5,077; value, \$248,035.
Asses and jennets, 200; value, \$16,600.

Neat cattle, 17,972; value, \$320,185.

Sheep, 9,814; value, \$19,600.
Hogs, 23,241; value, \$119,455.
Money, notes, etc., value, \$799,720.

Corporate Cos. Bank Stock value, \$367,070.

Other personal value, \$531,000.

The total assessed valuation of the 14 banks of Audrain county in 1914 is \$392,320, of which \$367,070 is the assessed value of the stock, reserve funds, undivided profits, premiums and all other values, while \$35,250 is the total assessed value of real estate. The total assessed value of stock, etc., and real estate in 1913 was \$404,620. The total number of shares of the 14 banks is 6,300, with a total face value of \$550,000. The total reserve funds, undivided profits, etc., amount to \$265,610.81.

Mexico Owls.

Mexico Nest Order of Owls have leased the Tolson Hall for five years and last Wednesday night elected officers as follows:

Past President, Harry Drebing; president, C. T. Johnson; vice-president, L. M. Angert; invocator, D. F. Gillette; warden, Chas. P. Stratton; financial secretary, S. S. Roberts; treasurer, G. W. Peck; sentinel, Clyde Owings; picket, James Wigginton; trustee for three years, C. W. Peterson; for two years, Louis McIntyre; and for one year, W. E. Sims.

The next physician and recording secretary will be named at the next regular meeting.

Family Horse Ruined.

Miss Martha Layson, who lives south of Mexico, has sued the Mexico Merchants' Delivery Co for \$2,500 damages, alleging that her horse was ruined for family use, her buggy badly damaged and herself seriously injured when a wagon belonging to said company ran into the rig in which she was riding. The accident happened on the east side of the square one day last September.

Chicago & Alton railroad employees have subscribed \$87.75 to ward equipping the Mexico Hospital.

SOME INTERVIEWS.

Francis Weims: I am the son of Peter Weims, and we live northeast of Mexico. Our family came here from Wisconsin. We like Missouri but these drouth years have been an expensive luxury. However, we are looking for monster crops this coming season.

Clif Dudgeon: How's the farm and things down about Worcester? Considering all conditions, all's smooth as a bug in the sand.

M. Donnelly: My frogs are all right, thank you—since I dehorned them and cut off their tails. If this fine weather continues I'll soon have bluegrass pasture for them all right.

Kelly Wilkerson: Mrs. Wilkerson and I attended Farmers' Week gathering in Columbia. Over 2,000 people from all over the State were there. I have been attending agricultural meetings for 19 years and I always learn something about farm management I never knew before. It pays—pays in dollars and cents to attend these meetings.

Charlie Shoup: Mr. Editor you had it last week that Tom Hook had traded his residence in Mexico for John Bartels' 200 acre farm northeast of Mexico. Tom Hook was not in that game. I owned the Mexico residence and I got the Bartels place. It makes me, with what I already had, a farm of 350 acres. I think I can live on that awhile. I think I now have one of the best farm homes in the county.

Sam Morris: Every year Pete Erdel, Jr., down at Rush Hill sells me his furs and other such stuff. He sends for me and I always get a fine dinner. Mrs. Erdel is one of the best cooks in creation, none of 'em can beat her. But this year I missed getting that dinner. It was all my own fault; I am disappointed, after all her preparations. Since the C. & A. took off the "Plug" I can't have as much time down there as formerly, and the first train back west I hopped it, without saying goodbye to anybody. That's how I missed that good dinner.

L. R. Torreyson: I'm going to leave you, Mr. Editor. Traded my farm, northwest of Thompson, to your G. R. Gibson of Mexico for a fine 80 acre farm 13 miles north of Parsons, Kansas. I have my public sale the 28th and in a few days thereafter I move to the Sunflower State. Oil wells very near me and I hope I'll strike "ile" and strike it rich. Regret to leave old Audrain; of course I'm hoping to do better.

B. F. Pulis: Yes, as the Centralia Guard said you can hear the roosters crowing now down at Mexico up at Centralia—over the mutual telephone line recently extended from Centralia to Mexico. The mutual way is the only way that's what we Centralians think. By the way, we have been wondering what is the matter with the east Audrain folks that they are not joined up with us in this great mutual telephone system. Men and neighbors, let's get together.

Railroad Man Hurt.

Charles Fred, working for the C. & A. at Francis, fell from an engine into an ash pit last Saturday night and was knocked unconscious, remaining so until Sunday afternoon. He is now recovering all right.

Mrs. Logan Mundy is quite ill.

FROM CENTRALIA.

Miss Kennan Dead—Mr. Potter Trades For Farm.

Centralia, Mo., Jan. 19.—Dr. J. C. Hulen, seriously ill for some weeks, is slowly regaining his health.

Robert Rowland of St. Louis is here visiting relatives.

W. B. McDonald, a former merchant, is now a traveling salesman for a St. Louis grocery firm.

J. E. Drebs is home from St. Louis where he visited relatives.

Mrs. A. E. L. Smith, aged 65 years, died in Kansas City Friday and remains brought here for burial. She was for many years a resident of Centralia and was a sister of M. S. Bush here.

Miss Jennie Kennan, aged 25 years, died of pneumonia Saturday at the home of her father, James Kennan, three miles east of Centralia. Interment in Columbia Sunday afternoon.

W. H. Deming is home from a business trip to Des Moines, Iowa.

"The Tale of a Hat" was the title of a play presented at the High School auditorium Friday evening. The attendance was good and the play enjoyed by all present.

A revival meeting will be commenced at the M. E. church next Sunday. Pastor E. C. Swan will do the preaching.

Public sales of live stock are frequent and good prices are paid.

J. J. Coon is the new Centralia night policeman.

J. W. Potter has exchanged his feed and hitch yard for Pearl Helmet's 80 acre farm.

D. C. Pool has sold his coal business to J. K. Johnson.

Harry Thomas has returned from California and Colorado somewhat improved in health.

J. T. Palmer made a business trip to Moberly Monday.

M. Harkinson and family of Monroe City are guests of T. J. Farrington and family.

Self-Government Class.

R. D. Worrell has a class of boys who govern themselves in the Mexico Christian church Bible school. They range in age about 16 years. They have an organization, Orville Austin is president; Harold Willis, vice-president; Guy Pitts, treasurer; Lloyd Campbell, secretary. The class is called to order by the president and business is dispatched according to Hoyle. Reports are made, and the boys discuss any matters that may come before them. Some of them are expert at ex-temporaneous speaking. The boys keep up a regular campaign for new additions to the class and the Sunday school but they are careful never to solicit a boy who may have membership in some other Sunday school.

After business is finished then the teacher takes up his instructions. Mr. Worrell is justly proud of his class of boys.

Services at Bethel.

There will be special services at Bethel Presbyterian church, two miles east of Molino, beginning with tomorrow night, and then Saturday night and Sunday night. Rev. Dr. E. C. Gordon of St. Louis will fill the pulpit. The public cordially invited to attend these three nights' services.

Hon. E. A. Shannon delivered a temperance address for the dries at Warrensburg a few days ago.

MR. PRICE DEAD.

Aged Mexico Citizen Passes Away Sunday Night.

W. R. Price, 84 years old, while in the act of undressing for his bed was stricken with heart failure Sunday night and died before a physician could be called. Deceased had lived in Mexico about 24 years, coming here from Clay county, Mo. The wife survives him, who before her marriage was Miss Kate Dudley. The following children also survive: Mrs. Ralph Luckie and Miss Elizabeth Price of this city, and E. R. Price, of Billings, Mont. Mr. Price was a highminded gentleman and thoro Christian. Our sympathy goes out to the stricken family.

From Oklahoma.

The Message has a short note from Mrs. R. S. Cole, nee, Miss Mary Cross, formerly of Mexico, now located at Pawnee, Okla. She says she seems doubly blessed. Two friends thought of her about the same time near the Christmas season and each sent her the Message as a New Year's present. Instead of getting the paper but one year she has it paid for now for two years. She reads the paper with eagerness and feels very fortunate to receive it.

Mrs. Cole sends her regards to all Mexico friends. Says she likes Oklahoma. Weather beautiful the past two months—warm and bright. People have commenced planting their gardens.

Farm Products.

Martinsburg, Mo., Jan. 19, '14
Editor Message:—I send you the receipts from my farm products of last year:

Eggs	.....	\$187.62
Chickens	.....	125.34
Geese	.....	35.42
Lard	.....	14.23
Feathers	.....	7.74
Butter	.....	6.11

Total.....\$376.46
Mrs. L. A. Harris.

Mr. King Dead.

Enoch King, 73 years old, a resident of the Skinner neighborhood, died last Monday. The funeral was held at Rising Sun church, north of Mexico, Tuesday. Mr. King came to this county from Ohio about 20 years ago. The wife survives him and the following children: Dr. Neal King, Miss Nettie King and Mrs. Ollie Botkin. He was an uncle of Charles, Milt and Harry Householder, northwest of Mexico. Deceased was a good citizen and neighbor. The community will miss him.

Miss Kennan Dead.

Miss Nannie Kennan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Kennan, northwest of Thompson, died last Friday night. This paper mentioned her illness last week. The body was taken to Columbia for burial, funeral Sunday. Besides the parents one brother, Jack Kennan, survives her. Three cousins reside north of Mexico Mrs. W. D. Mason and Misses Hattie and Carrie Kennan. Deceased was a lovable character and splendid young woman.

Collar Bone Broken.

Amos Harris, down beyond Benton City, suffered a broken collar bone last Wednesday. He was in his barn and a horse turned around suddenly, striking him on the shoulder. Amos is getting along all right, we are glad to report.

ECHOES AND TANGLES.

Tangles predicts that February 2nd will be the last primary election for the nomination of city officers Mexico will ever have. The new rule is coming—commission form of government or something along that line.

European Bondholders want Uncle Sam to "take notice of the distress of their interests" in Old Mexico and to intervene—bring on war if need be, we presume—to protect those interests. That's a nice mess. That kind of a game used to work in the unholy past, but it won't work in these days with Woodrow Wilson.

We courtesy very low to Miss Grace Hook, the bright young school teacher who got the recommendation for appointment as postmistress at Auxvasse and then later the appointment was given to another. Miss Hook gets something better. This week she assumed the duties of an assistant in the copyright department at Washington, D. C. You can never tell where the lightning is going to strike, but it hit right at last for Miss Hook.

The richest woman in Callaway county is Miss Bettie Galwith. She has a farm of 1,200 acres and operates it by herself and makes money. Somebody suggests that she should forsake her single blessedness and add a man to that farm. No, Miss Bettie knows what's what. Just let her manage that man question; maybe she enjoys farming better than cooking.

Sugar is cheaper than it has been for 15 years. Is this tariff reduction getting in its work already? It makes 'ts feel "sweet" and glad, anyway.

Clarence Evans over at Paris, Mo., before the Commercial Club made the suggestion that the Fair Association sell its grounds and buildings to the city for public playgrounds, public gatherings, etc., the Association to retain a lease on the property for its annual fair without any charge. It's a good suggestion and a pointer for Mexico. It would give the city a needed recreation and amusement resort 51 weeks in the year and leave the Fair in complete possession the only week in the year it has any need for the grounds. That sounds good to us. The Association would be getting back its investment and getting its accommodations besides. The city would be privileged to adorn and beautify the grounds, ditto.

The Farber Forum is offering a prize to find the happiest man. Come up to Mexico; we have found him here. He is a modest fellow, and we hope he may not blush when we call his name. It is Rev. John Ayscue, pastor of the Mexico Baptist church. Bro. Ayscue enjoys a laugh; he's a doctor who needs not a diploma. He reminds us of what the poet said of the bluebell—"Bowing and smiling the live long day." In all this he blesses himself and blesses the world.

Misses Nannie Wright and Minnie Stallings visited the Elementary School in Columbia last week. Misses Wright and Stallings will teach in this school next summer.

Frank McCord and Miss Jessie McKean were called to Higginsville a few days ago on account of the serious illness of their uncle at that place, James Canterbury.

Mrs. W. H. French is very ill.

TO TOUR THE WEST

Singing on the Way—Fortunate
Audrain Boy.

Ray Miller, who graduated from McMillan High last year and who is a son of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. S. Miller of this city, has been attending the Missouri University this winter and is a member of the Freshman Class. Mr. Miller is quite a noted vocalist is a member, also, of the University Glee Club. His Club makes a trip to the Pacific Coast this spring.

The Club goes as the guests of the Santa Fe railroad. That railroad takes some college glee club over every mile of its system each year and the club sings at each division point of the road under its reading rooms department. The trip this year will be thru five States. We congratulate Ray in his good fortune to be on this trip this year. It will be educational for him and helpful.

From Oklahoma.

Garlington, Okla., Jan. 12, '14.
—Dear Friend Beal:—Thought I would write you a few lines.

We have had severe winter weather here since the 29th of November. There has been snow on the ground most of the time until now. It is all gone now except the drifts. Our stock is wintering nicely so far.

We are glad Mexico has rid herself of one of the great evils, the saloon. Certainly the Message, Judge Carter, Prof. Million, J. C. Mundy, S. P. Emmons and all the other good people who helped so faithfully deserve great credit for their earnest work.

Please find enclosed check for one dollar to keep the Message coming another year. We can't do without the Message. Wishing the Message and all its readers a happy and prosperous new year,

I remain, your friend,
Josiah Martin.

Mrs. Schuchman Dead.

Mrs. Leonard Schuchman, 68 years old, a former resident of Mexico, died at her late home in Kansas City last Thursday. The body was brought here for burial, funeral at the home of Ollie Hendrix last Saturday conducted by Rev. S. W. Hayne. The husband survives her besides the following children: Mrs. Pete Hensel, of this city; Mrs. George Helwig, of near Mexico, and George, Charles, William and Louis Schuchman, of Kansas City.

The King's Daughters.

The King's Daughters at Benton City met with Mrs. J. W. Dowell Wednesday of last week. It was Mrs. Dowell's birthday. About 25 guests were present. There were two new members enrolled, Mrs. H. P. Warden and her father, Mr. French Strother. It was also Mr. Strother's birthday. He is 89 years young. The day was highly enjoyed by all present.

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SAM LOCKE, Cashier.